

## **United States Army Recruiting Command**

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## 15-month Army enlistment option available nationwide

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Today the U.S. Army Recruiting Command announced the nationwide expansion of the National Call to Service (15-Month Plus Training) Enlistment Option, a short-term enlistment program designed to promote and facilitate military enlistment in support of national service.

This enlistment option was implemented in October 2003 as a pilot program in 10 of the U.S. Army's 41 recruiting battalions: Albany, N.Y.; Columbia, S.C.; Miami; Raleigh, N.C.; Cleveland; Kansas City, Mo.; Oklahoma City; Sacramento and Southern California (Mission Viejo, Calif.), and San Antonio, Texas. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 directed the Department of Defense to carry out a new short-term enlistment program designed to promote and facilitate military enlistment in support of National Service.

The 15-Month Plus Training Enlistment Option is now available nationwide for qualifying individuals who enlist in one of 59 military occupational specialties.

Applicants enlisting for this program will incur an eight-year military service obligation (MSO). This MSO will consist of: 15 months of active duty after completion of basic and advanced individual training and 24 months of satisfactory participation as an active drilling member in the Army Reserve or National Guard. Soldiers have the option of serving the remainder of their eight-year MSO in one of three ways, as:

- an active drilling member of the Army Reserve or National Guard;
- an inactive Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) member; or
- a member of a National Service Program designated by the Secretary of Defense (such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps).

Soldiers in this program also have the option of reenlisting to remain on active duty.

Individuals who enlist for the 15-month plus training option will be eligible to select one of the following enlistment incentives:

- a cash enlistment bonus of \$5,000 payable upon completion of the initial active duty obligation;
- Student Loan Repayment of up to \$18,000;

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- a monthly education allowance for up to 12 months (currently \$816 per month\*); or
- a monthly education allowance for up to 36 months (currently \$408 per month\*).

To learn more about Army opportunities, visit your Army recruiter or log on to goarmy.com.

\* monthly payment based on 2-year Montgomery GI Bill rates and subject to change

## **Qualifying 15-Month Enlistment Option Military Occupational Specialties**

11X Infantry 25L Cable Systems Installer-Maintainer 13B Cannon Crewmember 31B Military Police 13D Field Artillery Automated Tactical Data 31E Internment and Resettlement Specialist **Systems Specialist** 42A Personnel Administration Specialist 13F Fire Support Specialist 42L Administrative Specialist 13M Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) 44C Financial Management Technician 45B Small Arms/Artillery Repairer Crewmember 13P MLRS Automated Tactical Data Systems 52C Utilities Equipment Repairer-Heating and AC Specialist 52D Power Generation Equipment Repairer 13S Field Artillery Surveyor 56M Chaplain Assistant 13W Field Artillery Meteorological Crewmember 63B Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic 15Q Air Traffic Controller 74D Chemical Operations Specialist 15R AH-64 Attack Helicopter Repairer 88H Cargo Specialist 15T UH-60 Helicopter Repairer 88M Motor Transport Operator 15U CH-47 Helicopter Repairer 88N Transportation Management Coordinator 19D Cavalry Scout 89B Ammunition Specialist 19K Armor Crewman 91E Dental Specialist 21B Combat Engineer 91G Patient Administration Specialist 21C Bridge Crewmember 91Q Pharmacy Specialist 21E Heavy Construction Equipment Operator 91R Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist 21F Crane Operator 91S Preventive Medicine Specialist 21J General Construction Equipment Operator 91T Animal Care Specialist 91W Health Care Specialist 21K Plumber 21L Lithographer 92A Automated Logistical Specialist 92F Petroleum Supply Specialist 21M Firefighter 21R Interior Electrician 92G Food Service Operations 21S Topographic Surveyor 92M Mortuary Affairs Specialist 21T Technical Engineer 92S Laundry and Textile Specialist 92W Water Treatment Specialist 21U Topographic Analyst 21V Construction and Asphalt Equipment Operator 92Y Unit Supply Specialist 96R Ground Surveillance Systems Operator